## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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An image display unit comprising a cathode substrate with an electron source for emitting electrons and an anode substrate disposed to oppose the cathode substrate,

wherein the anode substrate has a transparent substrate, a grounding section formed on the peripheral edge of the transparent substrate, a phosphor layer which is formed on the inner surface of the transparent substrate and excited by electrons emitted from the electron source to emit light, a metal back layer to which a high voltage is applied to accelerate the electrons, and a high-resistance section which is disposed between the metal back layer and the grounding section to surround the outer peripheral edge of the metal 15 back layer; and

wherein the high-resistance section has a surface roughness of 1.0 to 15.0 µm.

- 2. The image display unit according to claim 1, wherein the high-resistance section comprises plural 20 regions with a surface roughness of 1.0 to 15.0 µm, and these regions are disposed to increase their surface roughness sequentially from the side closer to the outer peripheral edge of the metal back layer toward the side away from it.
- An image display unit comprising a cathode 25 substrate with an electron source for emitting electrons and an anode substrate disposed to oppose the cathode substrate,

wherein the anode substrate has a transparent substrate, a grounding section formed on the peripheral edge of the

transparent substrate, a phosphor layer which is formed on the inner surface of the transparent substrate and excited by electrons emitted from the electron source to emit light, a metal back layer to which a high voltage is applied to accelerate the electrons, and a high-resistance section which is disposed between the metal back layer and the grounding section to surround the outer peripheral edge of the metal back layer; and

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wherein the high-resistance section has a high- resistance coating layer with a surface resistivity of  $1\times10^9$  to  $1\times10^{15}\Omega/\Box$  (square; the same is applied below).

- 4. The image display unit according to claim 3, wherein the high-resistance section has a rough surface section with a surface roughness of 1.0 to 15.0  $\mu m$ , and the high-resistance coating layer is formed on the rough surface section.
- 5. The image display unit according to claim 3 or claim 4, wherein the high-resistance section comprises plural regions having a high-resistance coating layer with a surface resistivity of 1×10° to 1×10¹5Ω/□, and these regions are disposed to increases their surface resistivity sequentially from the side closer to the outer peripheral edge of the metal back layer toward the side away from it.